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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In California, prices were slightly higher on jumbo through large and unchanged on the remainder. In most other regions, prices were unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was about steady to instances fully steady. Demand was light to fairly good, mostly moderate and was best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were irregular but mostly adequate for current requirements. Breaking stock supplies were adequate or available and demand was light to fair. Light type hens were adequate for light and unaggressive demand.

NORTH ATLANTIC In New England prices were 3 cents lower on extra large and large, other prices and other locations values were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Retail demand was irregular with traders watching to see if consumer activity might be stimulated by the winter storm. Supplies were adequate for full needs. Breaking stock offerings were sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for the light and unaggressive demand.

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Demand was moderate but improving at some locations. Supplies were adequate for current requirements. The undertone was steady with some traders cautious.

MIDWEST Prices were unchanged in all areas. The trade sentiment was mostly steady to instances fully steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to moderate with slight improvement noted. Loose egg sales were mostly moderate and rated as seasonal. Supplies were generally adequate for current needs. Central States nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings adequate or available. Floor stocks mixed from balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

CHICAGO Prices for all sizes unchanged. The trade sentiment was steady. Retail and food service demand ranged from light to good, mostly moderate and best where features are planned or in progress. Supplies adequate.

SOUTHERN In Atlanta, prices were unchanged on all sizes. In Florida, prices were higher for mediums and unchanged on the balance. The market tone was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, best where features were in progress or planned for this week. Supplies were adequate for current requirements. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending February 2, 2001 was 68.40 cents, unchanged from last week, but 14.88 cents more than the same week last year. Breaking stock offerings were generally adequate for the fair demand. Light type fowl were fully adequate for processing needs.

WESTERN Prices 1 cent higher on jumbo, extra large and large, unchanged on medium and small in California; unchanged on all sizes in the Northwest. The Pacific region inventory was 6% lower than last Monday with California down 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 3%. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings held confidently.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST CITIES			
Boston (Brown)	121-123	111-113	81-83
New York	73-75	70-73	66-69
Philadelphia	71-73	69-71	63-66
SOUTHERN CITIES			
Atlanta (1) (2)	64-65	62.5-64	60-61
Jackson (1)	72-73	71-72	69-70
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	69-84	68-82	61-75
MIDWEST CITIES			
Chicago	61-66	60-65	55-60
Detroit (2)	58-61	57-60	50-53
Major Ohio Cities (2)	59-65	58-63	51-57
Major Wisconsin Cities	62-69	60-67	54-61
WESTERN CITIES			
Houston (1)	76-80	75-77	69-72
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	100	92	87

(1) - Prices reported weekly

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

(3) - Reported Invoice prices

CALIFORNIA Prices 1 cent higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 7% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand fairly good. Offerings held confidently. Small invoice price 67. Ads in Northern California: major- large dozen buy 1 get 1 free, 18 pack 149.

PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	113	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	100	EXTRA LARGE	209-259
LARGE	92	LARGE	189-229
MEDIUM	87	MEDIUM	149-199
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-259	EXTRA LARGE	209-259
LARGE	199-229	LARGE	189-229
MEDIUM	187-199	MEDIUM	149-199

NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending February 09, 2001 will decrease by 12 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending February 02, 2001 were 287,413 cases which was 2 percent above the prior week and 2 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	254,411	33,002	287,413

% change from the prior week..... +1 +6 +2
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices unchanged. Demand was quiet with offerings adequate or available for needs. Most breakers were taking a wait and see approach to the market at this call. Floor stocks mixed from balanced to fully adequate. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	35-38	36-37
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	20-23	

CENTRAL STATES AREA:
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE Prices were lower compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Finished sales were slow to no better than moderate. Slaughter schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-FEB-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-10.75	6-8	7.84

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged to lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for about adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was barely steady to steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 05-FEB-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-9.25	6.5-8.25	7.64
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM FEB 05,2001

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		Northeast	NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	Pacific	5-Area
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.7	17.3	5.7	11.8	9.4	53.9
	Change	0.4	-3.9	-1.1	-0.1	-1.5	-10%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	29.5	46.5	8.3	31.0	19.6	134.9
	Change	4.1	-4.9	-1.1	2.7	-4.0	-2%
Large	Curr Wk	40.9	93.4	37.8	72.5	81.9	326.5
	Change	-0.1	-7.3	1.5	2.5	-8.3	-3%
Medium	Curr Wk	13.0	29.7	13.7	23.4	23.0	102.8
	Change	-0.3	3.5	0.8	4.3	4.4	14%
Small	Curr Wk	6.7	6.1	2.8	5.9	7.5	29.0
	Change	2.5	0.9	-0.1	1.2	0.4	20%
Misc	Curr Wk	6.6	15.4	5.6	14.2	4.6	46.4
	Change	-6.3	0.5	0.0	1.1	0.2	-9%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	30.7	47.8	19.8	30.8	32.8	161.9
	Change	0.3	-10.4	-0.4	0.0	-1.7	-7%
Total	Curr Wk	137.1	256.2	93.7	189.6	178.8	855.4
Percent	Change	0%	-8%	0%	7%	-6%	-2%
TOTAL		Number of Cases		Percent Change		Number of Cooperators	

Shell Egg	855.4	-2%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	375.8	-5%	39

Total Shell Egg 1231.2 -3% 209
1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

The five inventory areas are identified as:

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT
North Central- IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI
South Central- AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX
South Atlantic- AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

CANADIAN EGGS

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2001

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	175	171.9	162.9	111.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING JANUARY 23, 2001 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	136	136	126	77

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR FEBRUARY 02, 2001

CURRENT LOADS							25.75		FUTURE LOADS				29.50		TOTAL LOADS				55.25	
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS		
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	—	48.00	—	—	48.00	—	19.00	GNR W 1	50.00	51.33	—	—	—	—	—	13.00	GNR W 1	50.00	51.33	
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GL W J	52.00	—	—	—	—	—	61.50	1.00	GL W J	52.00	—	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	.50	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	61.00	1.25	GL W XL	—	—	
GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	65.50	64.67	6.00	GL W LG	—	—	
GL W XL	—	—	—	—	50.50	—	9.75	GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	56.50	54.20	2.75	GL W MD	—	—	
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	53.86	—	8.00	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	—	31.00	1.00	GL W SM	—	—	
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	43.50	—	2.50	NRBS - 48	—	37.00	—	—	—	—	—	8.00	NRBS - 48	—	37.00	
GL W SM	—	—	—	—	25.00	—	1.00													
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	9.00													
NRBS - 39	—	—	13.00	15.00	—	—	.25													

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 01/29/01-02/02/01

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS				TOTAL LOADS					
168.25								102.25				270.50					
SE				NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	43.63	49.55	46.25	47.67	46.47	47.00	89.00		GNR W 1	50.00	49.97	—	—	—	59.13	59.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	44.25	45.50	—	—	2.50		GNR W 3	—	46.63	—	—	—	—	8.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	43.33	—	8.50		GNR BR 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	
GNR W 4	—	33.50	29.00	—	37.00	39.00	2.00		GL W J	54.50	—	—	—	—	64.25	2.00	
GNR BR 1	—	88.00	78.00	80.00	—	—	6.00		GL W XL	—	54.00	—	—	—	63.76	10.25	
GL W XL	—	55.33	—	53.90	50.97	—	39.00		GL W LG	—	53.00	—	—	65.50	63.11	34.75	
GL W LG	—	56.00	48.00	51.06	52.17	—	50.25		GL W MD	50.00	48.00	—	—	56.50	56.86	10.50	
GL W MD	—	—	46.27	50.00	46.83	48.50	15.00		GL W SM	—	—	—	32.00	—	33.67	5.00	
GL W SM	27.75	29.25	27.67	29.75	27.00	—	8.00		GL BR XL	90.00	—	—	—	—	100.00	.75	
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	36.12	37.00		GL BR LG	90.00	—	—	—	—	100.00	.75	
NRBS - 39	—	—	13.00	15.00	—	—	.25		NRBS - 48	—	37.00	—	—	—	—	10.00	

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NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 01/21/01 - 01/27/01

Origin State	IA	MI	MN	MO	NV	NY	OH	OR	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	2,006	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,154	2,386	0	6,546
C. CA	1,480	277	480	0	0	0	720	0	800	0	3,757
S. CA	26,936	0	5,150	6,864	300	1,809	1,500	0	2,472	3,180	48,211
TOTAL STATE	30,422	277	5,630	6,864	300	1,809	2,220	2,154	5,658	3,180	58,514

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

NEW ENGLAND

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
132-135	99-102	89-92	62-65	21-24

DETROIT EGGS

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
66-69	57-63	55-60	48-53	30-34

IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
40-42	34-36	13-15

NORTH CAROLINA EGGS

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
79.27	78.27	76.27	52.27

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS (In Thousands)

ON HAND	01/29/01	01/22/01	1/31/00
PACIFIC COAST	964	163	137
LOS ANGELES	203	123	0

HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS

LOCAL EGG MARKET PRICES AND INVENTORY FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF PUBLICATION

Receipts from the mainland: 01/21/01-01/27/01

30-dozen cases 4,681

Receipts from the mainland: 01/14/01-01/20/01

30-dozen cases 4,343

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